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Veterans Invited to Participate in Warrior Paper Project *Turn Military Uniforms into Paper, Share Your Service through Art*

GRAND ISLAND Neb. May 28, 2015 — Veterans with old military uniforms are invited to participate in the Warrior Paper project between 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 2 – 4 in the front courtyard of the Veterans Affairs medical facility, 2201 N. Broadwell Ave, Grand Island, Neb.

The project is a collaboration between the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Central Community College's Veterans and Military Resource Center, Kearney, Neb.

Uniforms are transformed, beaten into a pulp and then formed into paper to share photos or writing. Participants use the transformative process of papermaking to reclaim their uniforms and express their military experiences through art.

For more information about the project, contact Travis Karr, director, Veterans and Military Programs, Central Community College, at (308) 398-7376.

MEDIA NOTE: News media interested in covering this event should contact the VA public affairs office at 402-995-4719 or e-mail william.ackerman@va.gov.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA NWIHCS is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1c facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., and two larger clinics in Lincoln and Grand Island – which includes a community living center – five community-based outpatient clinics (CBOC) and one contract clinic. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.

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